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## **SPRINGFIELD MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being in possession of child pornography.

**Roy J. Hudspeth**, 41, of Springfield, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to five years in federal prison without parole. In addition to the maximum penalty provided under federal statutes, the court also ordered **Hudspeth** to pay \$415 in restitution for psychological treatment provided to the victim.

On March 15, 2005, **Hudspeth** pleaded guilty to the charge contained in a July 26, 2004, federal indictment. **Hudspeth** admitted that he was in possession of computer hard drives, floppy disks and CDs that contained three or more images of child pornography.

**Hudspeth** obtained some of the child pornography from computer-based newsgroups, Graves said, and downloaded some of the child pornography to hard drives, floppy disks, and compact disks. **Hudspeth** selected newsgroup categories with specific descriptions, Graves added, in order to obtain images – both still photos and movies – of real children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

According to Graves, the images also include multiple movie files of a female child over the age of 12, but under the age of 18, who was known to **Hudspeth** personally. The movies, which were recorded by **Hudspeth** using a Web camera, are of the female child while she dressed and/or undressed, and the female child is nude in some of the images.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose Barber. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, COMET (the Combined Ozarks Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team), the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Drug Enforcement

Administration.

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